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HONEY MARKET FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2008

IN VOLUMES OF 10,000 POUNDS OR GREATER UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Prices paid to beekeepers for extracted, unprocessed honey in major producing states by packers, handlers & other large users, cents per pound, f.o.b. or delivered nearby, containers exchanged or returned, prompt delivery & payment unless otherwise stated.

- REPORT INCLUDES BOTH NEW AND OLD CROP HONEY -

(# Some in Small Lot --- +Some delayed payments or previous commitment)

ARKANSAS

Soybean	light amber	\$1.26	
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CALIFORNIA

Alfalfa	light amber	\$1.24	
Cotton	extra light amber	\$1.39	
Mixed	white	\$1.42	- \$1.44
Orange Blossom	white	\$1.44	
Sage	light amber	\$1.39	

COLORADO

Alfalfa	extra light amber	\$1.35	
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FLORIDA

Galberry	extra light amber	\$1.40	
Mixed	white	\$1.35	- \$1.38
Mixed	light amber	\$1.13	- \$1.16
Wildflower	extra light amber	\$1.25	

DAKOTAS

Alfalfa	white	\$1.45	
Buckwheat	amber	\$1.50	
Clover	white	\$1.45	
Clover	extra light amber	\$1.40	- \$1.43
Mixed	white	\$1.27	- \$1.45
Sunflower	White	\$1.45	

OHIO

Mixed	white	\$1.30	- \$1.40
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MICHIGAN

Mixed	white	\$1.27	- \$1.40
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MINNESOTA

Canola	white	\$1.45	
Clover	white	\$1.45	
Mixed	white	\$1.35	

MONTANA

Clover	white	\$1.45	
Mixed	white	\$1.35	

WASHINGTON

Mixed	white	\$1.34	
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WISCONSIN

Alfalfa	white	\$1.35	
Clover	white	\$1.50	

Prices paid to Canadian Beekeepers for unprocessed, bulk honey by packers and importers in U. S. currency, f.o.b. shipping point, containers included unless otherwise stated. Duty and crossing charges extra. Cents per pound.

Province Not Reported

Canola	white	\$1.36	- \$1.39
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Prices paid to importers for bulk honey, duty paid, containers included, cents per pound, ex-dock or point of entry unless otherwise stated.

EAST COAST

Argentina

Mixed Flowers	white	\$1.44	- \$1.47
Mixed Flowers	extra light amber	\$1.40	- \$1.45

Brazil

Mixed Flowers	white	\$1.43	
Mixed Flowers	extra light amber	\$1.33	- \$1.35
Mixed Flowers	light amber	\$1.20	- \$1.33

COLONY, HONEY PLANT AND MARKET CONDITIONS DURING OCTOBER, 2008

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT (MD, PA, VA, WV): November experienced colder than normal temperatures throughout the month with plenty of days with precipitation. Honey bees were generally healthy, but there was concern about the low honey stores going into the winter. Beekeepers continued to provide supplemental sugar water and monitor colonies. Several beekeepers were preparing colonies for transport to California over the next two weeks for the almond crop pollination.

ALABAMA: Not available at time of release

ARIZONA: Temperatures were above normal during the month and ranged from a high of 90 in Buckeye and Paloma to a low of 15 at the Grand Canyon. Precipitation was normal the first part of the month and above normal at the end of the month. The main nectar and pollen sources were cantaloupes, honeydews, alfalfa, cotton and various citrus. Some beekeepers were making preparations for movement of colonies to other locations for pollination of nut and fruit trees. Demand for honey remained good.

ARKANSAS: Pollen and nectar sources received in the month of November were from various trees. Colonies were in good condition. Weather conditions showed normal temperatures with adequate rainfall. Demand was good for bulk and retail. Retail prices continued to creep up.

CALIFORNIA: Temperatures in the state were slightly cooler during the beginning part of the month, reaching from the mid 70s to near 80 degrees in the Sacramento Valley. The southern California coast and mountains experienced warmer temperatures due to dryer weather and fewer clouds; with temperatures ranging from upper 70s to near 100 degrees. The central coast, including the San Francisco Bay area, remained in the 60s to around 70 degrees. The overall weather pattern began to change to a more fall-like pattern as the month progressed. Cooler weather with periods of rain became more predominant across the state, bringing significant rainfall amounts to the northern parts of the state. The higher elevations of the northern Sierra Nevada received moderate snowfall amounts as well. Both in-state and out-of-state honeybees were moved to foothill and mountain locations in central areas for over-wintering. California becomes home to millions of honeybees every winter as beekeepers from states where the weather is cold move their hives to warmer weather. They also are here in preparation for almond pollination in February. There have been a few reports of colony collapse disorder, mostly from Eastern beekeepers. Those in the bee sector are cautiously optimistic that the numbers of hives lost to the disorder will be much less than last year.

COLORADO: With the honey producing season now complete for the year in Colorado, the emphasis has switched to marketing the current crop. Unofficial prices for honey in Colorado were currently in the range of \$1.40 per pound for water white and \$1.20 per pound for amber honey. According to beekeepers, these prices seem to be softening slightly. The other revenue opportunity through the winter will be pollination of almond groves in California. Prices received by beekeepers per hive from almond growers has been reported as soft for the upcoming season due to many factors including the dry weather and the overall economic conditions. Most of the larger beekeepers were transporting their bees to the warmer winter environment in Central California. So far, there has not been much relief for beekeepers on transportation freight costs, even though the prices for fuel have gone down nationwide. The record heat in California has brought about additional concerns for the Colorado beekeepers now getting situated in California. The dry weather is forcing beekeepers to haul water to the bees. The bees in California will also need supplements until they start pollinating the almond groves in early February. Bee health has been reported as fairly healthy with few pest and disease problems.

FLORIDA: Spanish Needle and Melalucca were the sources of nectar available in southern Florida. These sources, however, were not sufficient to make any surplus honey. Throughout the state, many colonies were being fed for maintenance and in the hopes of increasing bee numbers to allow the splitting of hives.

GEORGIA: Colonies around the state were in generally good condition. Colonies were hunkering down for the winter. Cool weather conditions and early freezing temperatures have kept the bees in their hives. Possible loss over the winter could reach up to thirty percent, depending on weather conditions during the off season. A few rainstorms have helped moisture conditions this month, although drought throughout the year has not allowed any water levels to compensate for earlier loss of water tables. No significant or very little feeding to help keep the colonies nourished has been needed. Any new information regarding continuing declines in population will not be determined until after the New Year.

IDAHO: Most bees have been hauled back into Idaho from the outlying states where they spent the summer producing honey. Producers were finding a mixed bag as they finished the process of checking each hive and treating pests and disease. Condition of bees was reported as mostly fair. Those beekeepers summering bees in the soy bean producing areas of North & South Dakota were reeling from the problem they faced this summer from insecticides used on soy beans.

ILLINOIS: The hives were generally in good condition throughout the state. Beekeepers had been busy supplemental feeding their hives. Temperatures were generally slightly above normal which had allowed colonies numerous cleansing flights. Temperatures were generally 40-45 for daytime highs and 20-30 for lows. Precipitation was generally light with most areas conditions dry. Precipitation for the year was mostly about normal however due to spring heavy rains and lowland flooding most rainfall had fell in early spring and had been short for the remainder of the growing season. Honey sales were good due to Thanksgiving holiday baking demand.

INDIANA: The state's colonies were in generally good condition. The beekeepers had been busy supplementally feeding their hives. Temperatures in northern section had been generally about normal while southern section had been generally warmer than normal. The warm temperatures hives had made numerous cleansing flights. Beekeepers had been attending local beekeeper workshops dealing with the various mite and health issues effecting beekeeping. Precipitation for the month was generally light. Honey sales were reported as good.

IOWA, KANSAS, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA: Temperatures across the lower Midwest were about 1.5 degrees below normal and precipitation was about 1 inch below normal for the area. A mixture of snow and ice was observed later in the month. Beekeepers were busy preparing and winterizing,

treating hive beetles and mites and attending meetings and conferences. The fall flow was good and there was some late fall honey in Northeast Iowa as bees were working cranberries.

KENTUCKY: November weather was fairly typical for Kentucky. Little or no nectar or pollen was collected. Hopefully, an increase in rainfall will restore ground water so that next year's honey plants will do well. Pests and diseases appear typical, although there has been an increased awareness of *Nosema ceranae*. Tests of bee samples collected earlier in the year are expected to indicate how widespread this pathogen has become.

LOUISIANA: Pollen and nectar sources were from various trees. Colonies were in generally in good condition. Temperatures were normal and rainfall was adequate. Supply and demand were good.

MICHIGAN: Temperatures and precipitation levels were normal for most of November. However, temperatures were below normal for the latter part of the month. Beekeepers continued readying their hives for winter. A number of migrant beekeepers in the state have already moved or were in the process of moving their hives to Florida and other states in the south Atlantic for pollinations and to avoid Midwestern winter month problems, such as mites and severe weather conditions. Demand for honey remained good.

MINNESOTA: With the fall season coming to a close and colder weather now a sure bet, beekeepers in Minnesota were working to transport their bees to various warmer climates such as California and Louisiana. Most large beekeepers were not willing to gamble on survival of their hives in the cold winters of the northern United States. The reduction in fuel prices nationwide, have not had an impact upon beekeepers shipping costs to various locations. In an effort to continue their revenue going through the winter months, most large beekeepers in Minnesota, were able to obtain contracts with California almond producers most of which specify 6 to 7 frames per hive. The pollination process should begin in the early part of February to coincide with the blooming of the almond trees. Bee health was average. There still seemed to be a lingering mite problem in many hives. Unofficial prices of honey for producers in Minnesota were averaging around \$1.25 per pound for amber and \$1.30-1.35 per pound for water white.

MISSISSIPPI: Colonies appeared to be in good condition as weather conditions were close to normal for this time of year. Very little or no feeding has been required to keep the bees sustained over the winter. Any losses will not be determined until after February, depending upon conditions during the next month. Early cold and freezing temperatures have kept the bees in their hives. Moisture levels for November remained about average. However, some heavy rains came through the state periodically and the southern part of the state was drier.

MONTANA: During November Montana received generally adequate amounts of precipitation while temperatures were seasonal to slightly about normal for the month. Topsoil moisture measurements were 3 percent very short, 24 percent last year, 18 percent short, 40 percent last year, 77 percent adequate, 35 percent last year, and 2 percent surplus compared to 1 percent last year. Subsoil moisture was measured at 44 percent very short and short, while 56 percent were measured at adequate and surplus. Keepers reported colonies to be in generally good condition. Keepers generally have completed trucking their migratory colonies to winter staging areas in California or other areas, and were busy maintaining these colonies. With the generally mild weather conditions in Montana, keepers reported that home bound hives had had ample opportunities for cleansing flights. By the month's end, weather conditions had generally cooled with snows in the forecast for early December. Demand for bulk honey was said to be good.

NEW ENGLAND: New England weather for early November featured warm, milder than normal temperatures and in the later part of the month experienced seasonally cooler temperatures with sporadic heavy rainfall. Moisture conditions continued to be above normal for the region. The warm, mild temperatures enabled the honeybees to work some late blooming floral pollen and nectar sources such as fall aster, goldenrod, assorted wild weeds mostly knotweed, sweet pepperbush and various fall wild flowers. Pollen and nectar sources quickly diminished at the end of the month. Honey flow and colony population build up dramatically slowed by the end of the month. Hives that exhibited large honeybee populations possess young bees which were born after Labor Day and are percentage wise the ones that ultimately live though the winter because they have not been foraging. Generally speaking most beekeepers report that their hives are well populated mostly resulting from a strong feeding program in September and October. Keepers took advantage of the early, warmer temperatures by combining weak colonies to form strong ones and re-queen for a strong spring build up. Additionally keepers see an advantage for a fast spring build up by wintering over with two deep hive bodies. Keepers are feeding with sugar syrup (2:1) with prescribed amounts of fumagilin-B added and feed two gallons per hive before clustering as this procedure will help sub-plant the depleted honey stores and help prevent nosema. Honey supers have been removed for extraction. In New England hive bodies have been treated for varroa and tracheal mites, American foul brood, wax moth, and chalk brood. The treatments used in New England are apistan, mite-away II, paradichlorobenzene, formic acid and terramycin to name the ones most popular in use. Additionally over wintering procedure entails installing mouse guards, entrance reducers, and insulation boards between inter and outer covers and/or boards under the bottom screens to ensure proper ventilation. Beekeepers report colonies to be in good to very good condition with mite problems under control. The region has exhibited honey yields in all shape and sizes, occasionally spotty with under performing hives mixed with better than expected ones. The overall consensus regarding honey production was that New England experienced phenomenal growth showing the best yields per capita, pounds per hive, so far in this decade. It is the local environment and the work that the bees do that determines the honey quantity, quality, taste and color. The criteria of moisture content, clarity, and taste determines how honey is graded for quality. The movement, supply, and demand for natural honey and wax remained very good with prices unchanged. Retail one pound units \$4.50-\$7.50 mostly \$7.00 occasionally \$8.00-\$10.00. Five gallon units were \$75.00-\$80.00 mostly \$80.00 occasionally \$90.00-\$95.00 for raw honey.

NEW YORK: Temperatures were below normal at the beginning of November and slightly above normal levels for the remaining two thirds of the month. Precipitation levels were above normal for the entire month, reaching as high as 2.79 inches at one reporting station. Beekeepers continued readying their hives for the winter. Many migrant beekeepers across New York were making preparations to or had already relocated their hives to Florida and other southeastern states for pollinations. Demand for honey remained good.

NORTH CAROLINA: November was cool, with below normal temperatures at times. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the western part of the state continued to suffer under extreme drought conditions. Six western counties were suffering from exceptional drought -- the most severe drought classification. Recently, the U. S. Department of Agriculture designated 59 North Carolina counties as disaster areas because of crop losses caused by the drought and heat this year. Water levels in streams and rivers continued to remain extremely low. Beekeepers continued supplemental feeding and checking hives for any mite problems. The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays continued to boost sales of the remaining honey supply.

NORTH & SOUTH DAKOTA: Not much is happening at this time as bees are generally set for overwintering. Some have gone south or to California for the winter, while some are being overwintered in potato sheds in Idaho.

OHIO: November began with below normal temperatures, was above normal most of the rest of the month, and ended the month with temperatures well below normal. Precipitation levels were below normal for most of the month, with the exception being the third week of November, which had above normal precipitation levels. Beekeepers have been readying their hives for the winter. Many migrant beekeepers in Ohio have continued making preparations to or have already relocated their hives to Florida and other southeastern states for pollinations. Demand for honey has been good.

OKLAHOMA: In Southern Oklahoma pollen and nectar sources were broom straw and trees. Conditions of the colonies were generally good as they were prepared for winter. Weather conditions for part of the month were very dry with night-time temperatures ranging 30-40 degrees. Supply was very low and demand remained very high. In Northern Oklahoma trees were the main pollen and nectar sources. Colonies were in good condition. Weather conditions showed normal temperatures with inadequate rainfall. Supply and demand were both good.

OREGON: Not available at time of release.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Colonies across the state were reported to be in fair to poor condition. Some beekeepers reported losses due to starvation. Many beekeepers from the midlands through the piedmont reported having to feed their bees. Others in the low country reported that most of their hives' stores were holding up and were only feeding on a per hive basis. Temperatures were reported to be as much as thirteen degrees below average during November with near to and freezing at night and only a few days with daytime highs reaching the 60s and higher. The state received much needed rainfall throughout the month with the exception of the third week in which there was none. Nearly half of the state still remained in some form of drought condition with nine western counties in extreme drought conditions.

TENNESSEE: Not available at time of release.

TEXAS: Pollen and nectar sources received during November were from goldenrod and woody aster. Colonies were in generally good condition, most were in full build up but some were not progressing at all. These will be combined with the stronger colonies. Weather conditions saw above normal temperatures, and very dry. Honey demand continued to be very good. Supply packing will now have to come from larger producers. Most small producers have already used up their production. Bulk prices (drum) were still strong.

UTAH: Most Utah beekeepers were, as of late November, in the process of hauling their bees to California. For the most part, hives have been treated for pests and disease. Bee health varied, even among producers, but was reported as fairly good overall. Honey production was also varied, but was significantly lower overall. Beekeepers have expressed frustration over the honey market as some have found mixed conditions. In some cases, beekeepers are opting to pack their own supplies and sell locally. Hive health was fairly good at best. Utah was dry with above average temperatures for most of November. Bee health has been a major concern going into the winter months. Bees in poor condition now will be monitored closely until almond pollination in late January. Beekeepers were experiencing tighter credit and many were reluctant to borrow money to replace any bee population lost during Fall. Those producers were more inclined to wait for next summer to increase population when weather is more favorable.

WASHINGTON: The fall weather has not been exceptionally cold, but there has been a bit of rain. Beekeepers were either done or finishing preparations for overwintering colonies. Many have been shipped south to work other crops.

WISCONSIN: The State Apiary will be excepting requests for hive inspection beginning in May 2009 at no charge. Generally hives across the state were in good condition. High temperatures for the month were a little higher than normal and low temperatures were generally cooler than normal. Precipitation was generally light most areas had reported slightly over an inch of snowfall. High temperatures ranged from 72-74 on the 3rd and 4th of the month while low temperatures ranged 4-6 degrees on the 22nd. Honey sales were reported as good.

U.S Exports of Honey By Country, Quantity, and Value

	September 2008		Year to Date	
	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars
COMB & NATURAL HONEY PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - -				
Aruba	0	0	4,914	23,518
Barbados	510	2,732	2,220	11,377
Bermuda	0	0	3,428	19,458
Cambodia	724	3,958	724	3,958
Cayman Islands	0	0	505	2,523
China; Peoples Republic of	5,715	23,535	18,370	70,394
Guyana	0	0	762	4,831
Hong Kong	13,408	31,000	19,441	53,353
Iceland	0	0	725	7,975
India	0	0	1,685	6,514
Japan	7,160	31,020	102,763	395,780
Korea; Republic of	37,868	138,178	132,796	434,357
Kuwait	0	0	74,132	360,773
Libya	16,201	52,609	16,201	52,609
Malaysia	3,471	6,387	11,078	24,852
Netherlands	0	0	2,268	10,180
New Zealand (exc. Cook; Niue; & Tokelau)	1,586	3,850	1,586	3,850
Pakistan	0	0	9,570	41,775
Panama	510	2,733	2,240	11,842
Philippines	14,792	80,348	89,973	435,641
Qatar	0	0	2,637	9,353
Saudi Arabia	0	0	65,044	320,782
Singapore	0	0	9,923	24,086
Taiwan	0	0	33,086	111,773
United Arab Emirates	0	0	101,004	453,055
Yemen	73,199	209,335	136,700	482,035
SUBTOTAL	175,144	585,685	843,775	3,376,644

NATURAL HONEY, NOT ELSEWHERE INDICATED OR SPECIFIED - - -

Antigua and Barbuda	30,818	74,800	31,815	86,050
Aruba	0	0	1,222	2,966
Australia	0	0	43,425	112,312
Bahamas; The	913	3,108	9,416	27,455
Bahrain	0	0	22,255	54,016
Barbados	0	0	3,507	15,800
Belgium	0	0	22,978	65,410
Belize	0	0	20,948	50,845
Bermuda	0	0	1,161	6,576
Brazil	0	0	1,960	3,189
Brunei	0	0	89,187	223,605
Cambodia	0	0	1,131	5,683
Canada	40,125	182,617	483,085	1,750,271
Cayman Islands	0	0	2,983	13,843
China; Peoples Republic of	0	0	13,564	37,904
Colombia	0	0	680	2,916
Costa Rica	0	0	5,008	14,794
Guatemala	0	0	29,691	60,320
Hong Kong	0	0	25,282	97,064
India	0	0	29,707	66,299
Indonesia	10,875	24,251	142,534	417,432
Israel	179,924	739,013	352,982	1,226,488
Japan	0	0	134,605	332,875
Korea; Republic of	8,824	21,417	35,983	90,694
Kuwait	0	0	16,289	78,087
Malaysia	0	0	42,577	87,480
Netherlands	0	0	3,717	9,089

	September 2008		Year to Date	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Kilograms	Dollars	Kilograms	Dollars
NATURAL HONEY, NOT ELSEWHERE INDICATED OR SPECIFIED - - - Cont'd				
Pakistan	0	0	25,975	67,978
Panama	0	0	1,552	3,766
Philippines	0	0	32,084	149,701
Saudi Arabia	0	0	80,903	277,564
Singapore	0	0	20,128	48,852
South Africa; Republic of	0	0	20,000	74,450
Taiwan	0	0	6,339	19,165
Thailand	7,585	25,246	56,762	169,260
United Arab Emirates	0	0	771	3,467
Venezuela	0	0	3,629	8,346
Vietnam	0	0	3,629	19,238
Yemen	0	0	1,000	3,000
SUBTOTAL	279,064	1,070,452	1,820,464	5,784,250
GRAND TOTAL	454,208	1,656,137	2,664,239	9,160,894

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	October 2008		Year to Date	
	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars
COMB & NATURAL HONEY PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - -				
Aruba	0	0	4,914	23,518
Barbados	2,033	11,333	4,253	22,710
Bermuda	926	5,700	4,354	25,158
Cambodia	0	0	724	3,958
Cayman Islands	0	0	505	2,523
China; Peoples Republic of	19,934	98,474	38,304	168,868
Germany	2,404	5,836	2,404	5,836
Guyana	653	4,638	1,415	9,469
Honduras	430	3,455	430	3,455
Hong Kong	0	0	19,441	53,353
Iceland	0	0	725	7,975
India	0	0	1,685	6,514
Indonesia	555	2,954	555	2,954
Japan	9,308	38,353	112,071	434,133
Korea; Republic of	18,934	69,094	151,730	503,451
Kuwait	16,723	89,500	90,855	450,273
Libya	0	0	16,201	52,609
Malaysia	37,012	89,840	48,090	114,692
Netherlands	0	0	2,268	10,180
Netherlands Antilles (exc. Aruba)	823	2,989	823	2,989
New Zealand (exc. Cook; Niue; & Tokelau)	0	0	1,586	3,850
Pakistan	5,053	27,121	14,623	68,896
Panama	855	4,555	3,095	16,397
Philippines	0	0	89,973	435,641
Qatar	0	0	2,637	9,353
Saudi Arabia	0	0	65,044	320,782
Singapore	0	0	9,923	24,086
Taiwan	0	0	33,086	111,773
United Arab Emirates	0	0	101,004	453,055
Vietnam	57,591	112,743	57,591	112,743
Yemen	39,872	59,800	176,572	541,835
SUBTOTAL	213,106	626,385	1,056,881	4,003,029

NATURAL HONEY, NOT ELSEWHERE INDICATED OR SPECIFIED - - -

Antigua and Barbuda	0	0	31,815	86,050
Aruba	0	0	1,222	2,966
Australia	12,600	31,945	56,025	144,257
Bahamas; The	3,027	11,906	12,443	39,361
Bahrain	0	0	22,255	54,016
Barbados	0	0	3,507	15,800
Belgium	0	0	22,978	65,410
Belize	0	0	20,948	50,845
Bermuda	0	0	1,161	6,576
Brazil	0	0	1,960	3,189
Brunei	19,158	45,470	108,345	269,075
Cambodia	0	0	1,131	5,683
Canada	51,435	192,198	534,520	1,942,469
Cayman Islands	0	0	2,983	13,843
China; Peoples Republic of	0	0	13,564	37,904
Colombia	0	0	680	2,916
Costa Rica	0	0	5,008	14,794
Guatemala	0	0	29,691	60,320
Hong Kong	0	0	25,282	97,064
India	0	0	29,707	66,299
Indonesia	0	0	142,534	417,432
Israel	585,982	1,978,718	938,964	3,205,206

	October 2008		Year to Date	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Kilograms	Dollars	Kilograms	Dollars
NATURAL HONEY, NOT ELSEWHERE INDICATED OR SPECIFIED - - - Cont'd				
Jamaica	943	2,640	943	2,640
Japan	34,184	109,222	168,789	442,097
Korea; Republic of	0	0	35,983	90,694
Kuwait	0	0	16,289	78,087
Malaysia	10,181	24,251	52,758	111,731
Netherlands	0	0	3,717	9,089
Pakistan	0	0	25,975	67,978
Panama	0	0	1,552	3,766
Philippines	0	0	32,084	149,701
Saudi Arabia	17,915	77,587	98,818	355,151
Singapore	0	0	20,128	48,852
South Africa; Republic of	0	0	20,000	74,450
Taiwan	0	0	6,339	19,165
Thailand	0	0	56,762	169,260
United Arab Emirates	0	0	771	3,467
Venezuela	0	0	3,629	8,346
Vietnam	0	0	3,629	19,238
Yemen	0	0	1,000	3,000
SUBTOTAL	735,425	2,473,937	2,555,889	8,258,187
GRAND TOTAL	948,531	3,100,322	3,612,770	12,261,216

U.S Imports of Honey By Country, Quantity, and Value

	September 2008			Year to Date		
	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars
WHITE HONEY – NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - -						
Argentina	133,390	389,399	433,614	2,326,969	6,763,895	6,983,476
Australia	0	0	0	19,499	58,497	60,497
Austria	927	5,933	6,149	927	5,933	6,149
Brazil	37,850	106,932	112,174	547,981	1,432,535	1,510,982
Canada	252,426	831,522	833,722	12,281,831	35,051,112	35,199,876
China; Peoples Republic of	890,880	445,440	611,140	3,090,767	1,363,857	1,895,807
Egypt	1,020	2,800	2,801	2,040	5,630	5,632
India	0	0	0	4,640,832	9,289,290	9,981,022
Indonesia	0	0	0	1,164,350	1,882,835	1,978,188
Italy	0	0	0	6,256	28,083	29,938
Japan	0	0	0	30,543	101,048	111,733
Malaysia	0	0	0	964,860	1,340,237	1,518,187
Mexico	19,500	61,425	62,075	149,794	432,286	441,250
Mongolia	0	0	0	18,166	22,049	27,249
New Zealand (exc. Cook; Niue; & Tokelau)	2,200	14,630	16,616	4,200	30,230	35,716
Poland	0	0	0	819	7,340	7,341
Russian Federation	0	0	0	4,416	14,456	14,457
Taiwan	0	0	0	74,400	104,160	114,592
Thailand	0	0	0	572,480	471,948	548,658
United Kingdom	0	0	0	7,618	95,765	98,199
Uruguay	19,149	55,532	57,532	57,377	166,393	172,393
Vietnam	0	0	0	321,800	598,189	650,809
SUBTOTAL	1,357,342	1,913,613	2,135,823	26,287,925	59,265,768	61,392,151

EXTRA LIGHT AMBER HONEY – NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - -

Argentina	552,010	1,604,299	1,639,493	5,449,216	15,958,215	16,393,508
Brazil	227,147	608,029	635,564	2,753,194	6,575,973	6,876,077
Cambodia	0	0	0	71,920	109,318	119,318
Canada	0	0	0	355,819	1,031,869	1,035,877
China; Peoples Republic of	2,152,960	1,076,480	1,458,280	7,136,866	3,587,954	4,724,574
Germany	0	0	0	18,517	34,256	34,822
India	96,000	138,240	153,600	2,039,776	4,056,474	4,301,485
Indonesia	0	0	0	228,520	362,877	381,877
Italy	151	3,084	4,184	151	3,084	4,184
Malaysia	501,760	719,788	821,818	1,598,290	2,395,442	2,690,167
Mexico	0	0	0	275,085	779,480	796,262
Mongolia	0	0	0	254,324	375,491	386,048
Pakistan	76,000	159,330	168,499	228,000	431,655	458,534
Russian Federation	0	0	0	2,625,950	3,833,777	4,041,589
Singapore	0	0	0	269,250	363,488	393,488
Taiwan	76,560	130,152	136,152	421,080	669,900	727,232
Ukraine	0	0	0	18,850	50,895	52,895
Uruguay	0	0	0	77,106	222,212	230,144
Vietnam	327,600	695,460	744,065	2,018,480	3,733,288	4,033,027
SUBTOTAL	4,010,188	5,134,862	5,761,655	25,840,394	44,575,648	47,681,108

	September 2008			Year to Date		
	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars
LIGHT AMBER HONEY – NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE						
Argentina	243,698	744,675	753,010	697,096	1,999,369	2,056,249
Austria	0	0	0	949	2,786	2,959
Brazil	453,212	1,148,324	1,206,296	5,987,030	12,990,158	13,792,954
Canada	0	0	0	246,426	724,583	727,806
Chile	0	0	0	4,989	64,049	65,823
China; Peoples Republic of	0	0	0	18,850	32,422	34,988
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	2,736	10,656	11,074
Germany	0	0	0	36,000	72,000	73,221
Hungary	0	0	0	4,182	17,944	18,644
India	335,102	814,656	847,141	4,872,943	9,900,494	10,456,035
Italy	0	0	0	68,543	122,112	130,523
Malaysia	37,120	55,104	63,104	557,370	828,224	944,249
Mexico	15,044	33,882	33,988	359,411	826,024	853,367
Mongolia	0	0	0	54,498	81,747	81,830
New Zealand (exc. Cook; Niue; & Tokelau)	17,829	31,444	31,794	39,024	120,541	126,429
Peru	7,000	34,400	35,033	15,583	82,075	84,405
Russian Federation	0	0	0	475,020	712,530	720,881
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	6,150	12,300	14,002
Spain	0	0	0	13,361	68,842	71,297
Taiwan	20,047	36,148	39,556	368,392	562,427	602,931
Thailand	0	0	0	289,800	391,140	429,370
United Kingdom	0	0	0	109	2,085	2,185
Uruguay	0	0	0	92,780	259,615	269,785
Venezuela	0	0	0	5,095	21,384	27,642
Vietnam	1,472,570	3,218,336	3,394,802	12,519,612	23,754,561	25,384,365
SUBTOTAL	2,601,622	6,116,969	6,404,724	26,735,949	53,660,068	56,983,014

NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED OR INDICATED HONEY ---

Argentina	0	0	0	115,987	360,879	372,974
Australia	9,360	65,063	70,624	61,844	324,226	359,386
Brazil	18,810	30,660	32,876	598,305	1,268,750	1,356,696
Canada	40,644	34,981	35,531	289,201	751,220	752,163
China; Peoples Republic of	0	0	0	4,309	7,600	8,100
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	103,860	89,600	96,060
Egypt	0	0	0	816	2,805	2,806
France	0	0	0	2,814	9,647	11,014
Germany	0	0	0	394	3,797	4,117
Greece	0	0	0	403	2,601	2,741
Honduras	1,078	2,167	2,299	1,078	2,167	2,299
Hong Kong	0	0	0	4,686	11,868	11,973
India	172,800	248,832	275,832	556,800	801,792	886,792
Israel	1,969	7,146	7,158	2,505	9,244	9,409
Italy	0	0	0	2,967	27,560	29,008
Malaysia	20,412	22,200	25,660	40,824	44,400	51,135
Mexico	18,700	41,608	43,552	525,656	1,322,480	1,333,027
Moldova; Republic of	0	0	0	4,888	14,043	14,045
Morocco	5,163	9,106	11,796	6,420	17,488	20,328
New Zealand (exc. Cook; Niue; & Tokelau)	18,100	39,519	44,923	118,924	264,820	272,674
Poland	0	0	0	3,600	19,680	19,778

	September 2008			Year to Date		
	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars
NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED OR INDICATED HONEY – Cont'd						
Russian Federation	0	0	0	1,176	2,141	2,147
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	650	2,349	5,349
Spain	1,386	8,890	9,090	8,958	49,266	51,066
Switzerland	4,770	33,094	35,276	20,906	176,426	184,977
Taiwan	8,158	13,418	14,947	71,673	128,733	137,084
Thailand	0	0	0	36,300	71,511	78,461
United Kingdom	0	0	0	75,908	133,876	135,876
Vietnam	0	0	0	333,619	606,645	668,498
SUBTOTAL	321,350	556,684	609,564	2,995,471	6,527,614	6,879,983

COMB AND RETAIL HONEY ---

Argentina	839	8,538	8,732	36,135	129,189	133,383
Australia	2,771	19,392	21,892	50,485	324,976	337,937
Austria	28,762	127,107	137,031	97,004	459,200	495,545
Brazil	2,040	5,104	5,201	39,901	135,320	138,947
Bulgaria	0	0	0	96,330	313,655	333,721
Cambodia	0	0	0	283,632	409,248	443,448
Canada	169,865	738,636	742,214	1,177,013	4,960,591	4,986,679
Dominican Republic	9,360	20,226	20,815	50,972	95,563	98,020
Egypt	0	0	0	2,847	11,865	12,580
Fiji	0	0	0	1,872	13,880	16,662
France	4,343	49,134	51,262	50,052	466,645	484,907
Germany	12,829	57,683	59,850	174,816	742,235	778,618
Greece	3,209	19,723	21,046	64,898	449,094	456,392
Hungary	972	4,214	4,552	57,663	132,285	148,688
India	16,988	43,464	45,721	273,789	622,193	669,167
Iran	0	0	0	4,717	10,197	11,489
Israel	0	0	0	24,016	102,528	107,171
Italy	2,661	20,990	21,687	23,740	134,062	142,159
Japan	0	0	0	4,514	7,961	8,226
Korea; Republic of	0	0	0	2,160	2,400	2,594
Lebanon	0	0	0	300	4,488	4,757
Lithuania	0	0	0	24,204	84,630	92,123
Mexico	0	0	0	792	5,793	5,799
Moldova; Republic of	1,104	4,848	5,333	4,479	18,879	20,768
Monaco	1,715	17,885	18,600	5,913	64,557	67,081
New Zealand (exc. Cook; Niue; & Tokelau)	56,969	147,661	150,718	287,066	979,698	1,010,751
Peru	0	0	0	3,026	18,070	19,082
Poland	0	0	0	26,280	65,007	68,370
Portugal	0	0	0	8,366	47,433	48,988
Russian Federation	0	0	0	36,382	167,348	184,051
Spain	909	3,939	4,255	6,619	30,658	33,176
Switzerland	10,608	57,647	64,789	53,490	363,642	387,049
Taiwan	159,048	289,174	310,802	1,524,554	2,646,591	2,854,292
Thailand	0	0	0	660	2,500	2,716
Turkey	0	0	0	15,138	61,530	64,938
Ukraine	0	0	0	25,436	70,373	77,417
United Kingdom	8,764	15,457	16,384	16,135	31,820	34,366
Vietnam	316,097	449,666	488,466	1,408,330	1,904,672	2,084,572
SUBTOTAL	809,853	2,100,488	2,199,350	5,963,726	16,090,776	16,866,629

	September 2008			Year to Date		
	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars
FLAVORED HONEY - - -						
Argentina	0	0	0	7,429	32,170	33,372
Canada	0	0	0	78,912	169,989	170,353
China; Peoples Republic of	3,710	12,264	14,085	26,432	118,274	125,929
France	513	5,287	5,687	513	5,287	5,687
Germany	0	0	0	17,600	242,001	250,044
Italy	274	3,276	3,415	1,988	31,093	32,998
Japan	5,100	37,639	39,010	12,703	114,448	119,741
Korea; Republic of	3,678	29,279	32,207	7,007	53,563	57,582
Mexico	2,321	5,285	5,288	61,587	718,661	725,341
New Zealand (exc. Cook; Niue; & Tokelau)	0	0	0	22	2,132	2,320
Taiwan	0	0	0	580	2,174	2,332
Thailand	22,051	83,280	86,623	71,403	253,942	265,145
United Kingdom	0	0	0	227	15,077	16,658
SUBTOTAL	37,647	176,310	186,315	286,403	1,758,811	1,807,502
GRAND TOTAL	9,138,002	15,998,926	17,297,431	88,109,868	181,878,685	191,610,387

Source for U. S. Import and Export Data: U.S. Department of Commerce

U.S Imports of Honey By Country, Quantity, and Value

	October 2008			Year to Date		
	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars
WHITE HONEY – NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - -						
Argentina	151,910	443,941	451,688	2,478,879	7,207,836	7,435,164
Australia	0	0	0	19,499	58,497	60,497
Austria	0	0	0	927	5,933	6,149
Brazil	56,785	154,333	161,632	604,766	1,586,868	1,672,614
Canada	539,875	1,685,347	1,694,604	12,821,706	36,736,459	36,894,480
China; Peoples Republic of	0	0	0	3,090,767	1,363,857	1,895,807
Egypt	0	0	0	2,040	5,630	5,632
India	113,404	247,102	271,102	4,754,236	9,536,392	10,252,124
Indonesia	382,800	637,361	679,681	1,547,150	2,520,196	2,657,869
Italy	4,151	8,302	8,849	10,407	36,385	38,787
Japan	20	4,770	4,870	30,563	105,818	116,603
Malaysia	0	0	0	964,860	1,340,237	1,518,187
Mexico	0	0	0	149,794	432,286	441,250
Mongolia	0	0	0	18,166	22,049	27,249
New Zealand (exc. Cook; Niue; & Tokelau)	0	0	0	4,200	30,230	35,716
Poland	0	0	0	819	7,340	7,341
Russian Federation	0	0	0	4,416	14,456	14,457
Taiwan	0	0	0	74,400	104,160	114,592
Thailand	0	0	0	572,480	471,948	548,658
Turkey	38,610	111,970	114,470	38,610	111,970	114,470
United Kingdom	1,128	13,227	13,603	8,746	108,992	111,802
Uruguay	0	0	0	57,377	166,393	172,393
Vietnam	38,350	80,535	88,035	360,150	678,724	738,844
SUBTOTAL	1,327,033	3,386,888	3,488,534	27,614,958	62,652,656	64,880,685

EXTRA LIGHT AMBER HONEY – NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - -

Argentina	628,920	1,806,806	1,852,564	6,078,136	17,765,021	18,246,072
Brazil	341,589	877,516	916,577	3,094,783	7,453,489	7,792,654
Cambodia	0	0	0	71,920	109,318	119,318
Canada	0	0	0	355,819	1,031,869	1,035,877
China; Peoples Republic of	909,440	454,720	621,320	8,046,306	4,042,674	5,345,894
Germany	0	0	0	18,517	34,256	34,822
India	18,600	36,208	38,174	2,058,376	4,092,682	4,339,659
Indonesia	0	0	0	228,520	362,877	381,877
Italy	3,825	6,746	7,846	3,976	9,830	12,030
Malaysia	316,160	448,564	519,964	1,914,450	2,844,006	3,210,131
Mexico	17,682	38,900	39,400	292,767	818,380	835,662
Mongolia	0	0	0	254,324	375,491	386,048
Pakistan	38,000	83,220	88,020	266,000	514,875	546,554
Russian Federation	0	0	0	2,625,950	3,833,777	4,041,589
Singapore	0	0	0	269,250	363,488	393,488
Taiwan	229,680	356,004	393,663	650,760	1,025,904	1,120,895
Ukraine	0	0	0	18,850	50,895	52,895
Uruguay	0	0	0	77,106	222,212	230,144
Vietnam	0	0	0	2,018,480	3,733,288	4,033,027
SUBTOTAL	2,503,896	4,108,684	4,477,528	28,344,290	48,684,332	52,158,636

	October 2008			Year to Date		
	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars
LIGHT AMBER HONEY – NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE						
Argentina	23,785	69,320	70,471	720,881	2,068,689	2,126,720
Austria	0	0	0	949	2,786	2,959
Brazil	415,417	1,037,363	1,095,268	6,402,447	14,027,521	14,888,222
Bulgaria	544	2,880	3,170	544	2,880	3,170
Canada	0	0	0	246,426	724,583	727,806
Chile	0	0	0	4,989	64,049	65,823
China; Peoples Republic of	0	0	0	18,850	32,422	34,988
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	2,736	10,656	11,074
Germany	0	0	0	36,000	72,000	73,221
Hungary	0	0	0	4,182	17,944	18,644
India	108,961	274,253	293,987	4,981,904	10,174,747	10,750,022
Israel	80	2,304	2,804	80	2,304	2,804
Italy	320	3,240	3,241	68,863	125,352	133,764
Malaysia	0	0	0	557,370	828,224	944,249
Mexico	25,560	55,961	57,811	384,971	881,985	911,178
Mongolia	0	0	0	54,498	81,747	81,830
New Zealand (exc. Cook; Niue; & Tokelau)	15,610	27,531	28,142	54,634	148,072	154,571
Peru	0	0	0	15,583	82,075	84,405
Poland	1,631	19,806	19,905	1,631	19,806	19,905
Russian Federation	0	0	0	475,020	712,530	720,881
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	6,150	12,300	14,002
Spain	4,416	7,789	7,897	17,777	76,631	79,194
Taiwan	220,935	312,388	335,196	589,327	874,815	938,127
Thailand	0	0	0	289,800	391,140	429,370
United Kingdom	0	0	0	109	2,085	2,185
Uruguay	0	0	0	92,780	259,615	269,785
Venezuela	0	0	0	5,095	21,384	27,642
Vietnam	777,064	1,727,561	1,846,678	13,296,676	25,482,122	27,231,043
SUBTOTAL	1,594,323	3,540,396	3,764,570	28,330,272	57,200,464	60,747,584

NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED OR INDICATED HONEY ---

Argentina	0	0	0	115,987	360,879	372,974
Australia	11,074	19,532	20,310	72,918	343,758	379,696
Brazil	74,170	212,868	222,667	672,475	1,481,618	1,579,363
Bulgaria	1,733	8,518	9,135	1,733	8,518	9,135
Canada	0	0	0	289,201	751,220	752,163
China; Peoples Republic of	0	0	0	4,309	7,600	8,100
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	103,860	89,600	96,060
Egypt	0	0	0	816	2,805	2,806
France	180	2,639	2,912	2,994	12,286	13,926
Germany	0	0	0	394	3,797	4,117
Greece	0	0	0	403	2,601	2,741
Honduras	0	0	0	1,078	2,167	2,299
Hong Kong	0	0	0	4,686	11,868	11,973
India	38,400	55,296	61,296	595,200	857,088	948,088
Israel	0	0	0	2,505	9,244	9,409
Italy	0	0	0	2,967	27,560	29,008
Lithuania	13,440	60,480	63,980	13,440	60,480	63,980
Malaysia	0	0	0	40,824	44,400	51,135

	October 2008			Year to Date		
	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars
NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED OR INDICATED HONEY – Cont'd						
Mexico	23,587	33,023	33,029	549,243	1,355,503	1,366,056
Moldova; Republic of	0	0	0	4,888	14,043	14,045
Morocco	0	0	0	6,420	17,488	20,328
New Zealand (exc. Cook; Niue; & Tokelau)	38,987	79,879	90,935	157,911	344,699	363,609
Poland	0	0	0	3,600	19,680	19,778
Russian Federation	1,077	2,514	2,520	2,253	4,655	4,667
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	650	2,349	5,349
Spain	1,454	9,511	9,711	10,412	58,777	60,777
Switzerland	0	0	0	20,906	176,426	184,977
Taiwan	0	0	0	71,673	128,733	137,084
Thailand	0	0	0	36,300	71,511	78,461
United Kingdom	0	0	0	75,908	133,876	135,876
Vietnam	0	0	0	333,619	606,645	668,498
SUBTOTAL	204,102	484,260	516,495	3,199,573	7,011,874	7,396,478

COMB AND RETAIL HONEY ---

Argentina	0	0	0	36,135	129,189	133,383
Australia	11,922	47,772	49,772	62,407	372,748	387,709
Austria	0	0	0	97,004	459,200	495,545
Brazil	3,672	9,539	9,656	43,573	144,859	148,603
Bulgaria	13,432	51,325	53,946	109,762	364,980	387,667
Cambodia	0	0	0	283,632	409,248	443,448
Canada	190,491	785,118	791,908	1,367,504	5,745,709	5,778,587
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	50,972	95,563	98,020
Egypt	0	0	0	2,847	11,865	12,580
Fiji	0	0	0	1,872	13,880	16,662
France	3,681	33,198	34,225	53,733	499,843	519,132
Germany	26,828	135,415	143,915	201,644	877,650	922,533
Greece	0	0	0	64,898	449,094	456,392
Hungary	1,105	6,489	6,990	58,768	138,774	155,678
India	24,427	59,053	63,043	298,216	681,246	732,210
Iran	0	0	0	4,717	10,197	11,489
Israel	594	6,664	7,170	24,610	109,192	114,341
Italy	0	0	0	23,740	134,062	142,159
Japan	0	0	0	4,514	7,961	8,226
Korea; Republic of	0	0	0	2,160	2,400	2,594
Lebanon	0	0	0	300	4,488	4,757
Lithuania	2,832	11,236	12,360	27,036	95,866	104,483
Mexico	0	0	0	792	5,793	5,799
Moldova; Republic of	1,109	6,985	7,684	5,588	25,864	28,452
Monaco	0	0	0	5,913	64,557	67,081
New Zealand (exc. Cook; Niue; & Tokelau)	20,954	41,922	45,170	308,020	1,021,620	1,055,921
Peru	0	0	0	3,026	18,070	19,082
Poland	1,610	10,958	11,655	27,890	75,965	80,025
Portugal	0	0	0	8,366	47,433	48,988
Russian Federation	1,338	8,140	8,954	37,720	175,488	193,005
Spain	1,166	8,022	8,578	7,785	38,680	41,754
Switzerland	14,092	74,918	85,779	67,582	438,560	472,828
Taiwan	249,602	451,770	482,839	1,774,156	3,098,361	3,337,131
Thailand	0	0	0	660	2,500	2,716
Turkey	0	0	0	15,138	61,530	64,938
Ukraine	360	2,145	2,360	25,796	72,518	79,777
United Kingdom	292	4,576	4,854	16,427	36,396	39,220
Vietnam	0	0	0	1,408,330	1,904,672	2,084,572
SUBTOTAL	569,507	1,755,245	1,830,858	6,533,233	17,846,021	18,697,487

	October 2008			Year to Date		
	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars
FLAVORED HONEY - - -						
Argentina	0	0	0	7,429	32,170	33,372
Canada	0	0	0	78,912	169,989	170,353
China; Peoples Republic of	0	0	0	26,432	118,274	125,929
France	317	2,183	2,408	830	7,470	8,095
Germany	0	0	0	17,600	242,001	250,044
Italy	330	3,745	3,910	2,318	34,838	36,908
Japan	0	0	0	12,703	114,448	119,741
Korea; Republic of	12,772	45,318	49,416	19,779	98,881	106,998
Mexico	5,980	63,288	64,078	67,567	781,949	789,419
New Zealand (exc. Cook; Niue; & Tokelau)	0	0	0	22	2,132	2,320
Taiwan	0	0	0	580	2,174	2,332
Thailand	3,150	4,689	4,926	74,553	258,631	270,071
United Kingdom	0	0	0	227	15,077	16,658
SUBTOTAL	22,549	119,223	124,738	308,952	1,878,034	1,932,240
GRAND TOTAL	6,221,410	13,394,696	14,202,723	94,331,278	195,273,381	205,813,110

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